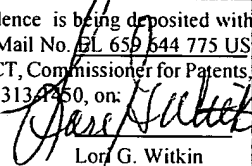


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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and
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